THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The CBI has registered three cases recently, involving former Vice Chairman, DDA, Commissioner (Planning) DDA, (Commissioner (Land Disposal), DDA, Director (Lands), DDA and PS. to Ex-Vice Chairman, DDA (already under suspension).

(b) and (c) The Government have issued directions to DDA from time to time to take various measures to bring in transparency in its functioning and making use of e-Governance system to enhance the efficiency, transparency and simplify the conduct of its business. DDA has initiated various measures accordingly to streamline its functioning, make it transparent and citizens friendly. This include computerization of centralized receipt and despatch section, putting in place a system of acknowledging letters and documents, monitoring/implementation of time limits provided for various items/transactions as per citizens charter and posting of consellors/facilitators to guide the visiting public. All important letters like demand-cum-allotmcnt letters, refund etc. are sent by speed post and proof of delivery obtained, information regarding functions, procedures is disseminated through brochures, handbooks, notices, website etc. Instructions regarding anti-corruption measures issued by the Central Vigilance Commission arc followed by DDA and measures have been taken to strengthen its vigilance, administration to reduce corruption.

Malfunctioning of Elevators in Central Government Office Buildings

3242. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the elevators installed in the Central Government Office buildings are malfunctioning, leading to fatal accidents;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with total numbers of elevators and amount spent on their installation and maintenance in the last three years, building-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a feet that lack of proper maintenance and servicing is the major cause for such malfunctioning of the elevators; and

(d) if so, whether Government have a long term and sustainable plan for ensuring elevators installed in Central Government Office buildings function properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The CPWD takes due care with the assistance of manufacturers to ensure that lifts are maintained in good running condition.

(d) All Lifts and elevators under charge of CPWD are properly maintained including replacement of machines which have out lived their functional life.

Demonstration by CPWD Workers Union at Nirman Bhawan

† 3243. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSKK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD Workers' Union had demonstrated at Nirman Bhawan on 3rd February, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons for such demonstration;

(c) whether Workers' Union and Government had entered into any agreement on 2nd December, 2002 and the Ministry of Labour had also issued any notification in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of agreement and notification; and

(e) Government's decision with regard to implementation of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Union demanded to restore payment of over time wages to the CPWD workers under the provisions of Minimum Wages Act.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Workers Union and Government had entered into an agreement on 2nd December, 2002. The Ministry of Labour earlier issued a Notification S.O. No. 563 (E) dated 23-5-2002. The said Notification was subsequently withdrawn by that Ministry *vide* Notification S. O. No. 22(E) dated 8-1-2003. Copies of the agreement dated 2-12-2002 and Ministry of Labour's Notification dated 23-5-2002 and 8-1-2003 are enclosed at Statements I, II and III respectively *(See* below).

(e) The opinion of Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Law was sought. Both the Ministries have opined that Section 14 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 shall be applicable to the workers of CPWD or any other

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.